



MIAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

## MIAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2014 1:00 P.M.

GAR ROOM-MIAMI COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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### MINUTES

The Miami County Solid Waste District held a meeting of the Board of Directors on Monday, April 21, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. in the GAR Room in the Miami County Courthouse, located at 25 North Broadway, Peru, Indiana.

#### **Attending:**

**Board Members:** Don Morris-Chairman-Town of Converse, Larry West-member-County Commissioner, Jerry Hamman-member-County Commissioner, Joshua Francis-member-County Commissioner, Tom Gustin-Member-Peru City Council, Shirley Mull-member-Miami County Council Representative, Jim Walker-Mayor of Peru.

**Staff Attending:** Samantha Ward-Executive Director, Carla Weaver-Assistant Director/Recording Secretary

**Others:** Ron Dausch-Contractor for the District, Bobbie Dausch-Contractor for the District, Mike Rorvik-Contractor for the District, Steve Gill-Wabash Valley Refuse

**Absent:** Pat Roberts-Legal Counsel

**Call to Order:** Chairman Don Morris called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Board members reviewed the meeting minutes from the March 17, 2014 Board of Directors meeting. *Mr. West motioned to approve the meeting minutes; Mr. Gustin seconded. Motion carried (7-0).*

#### **Approval of Financial Report and Claims:**

There was no discussion of Claims

*Mr. West motioned to approve the financial report and claims received by email; Mr. Francis seconded. Motion carried (6-0).*

## **Director's Report**

- Ms. Ward told the board that collections were going smoothly. The office had picked up somewhat due to the tax bills being sent out.

## **Old Business**

- Ms. Ward told the board that Mr. Roberts would not be in attendance, and was still reviewing the registered contractor package.

## **New Business**

- Ms. Ward presented the board the sealed bid that was received for the Beautification Day/Clean Up Day contractor. The office received one bid from Wabash Valley Refuse. Their bid was \$315.00 per container pull with a \$750.00 set up fee.

*Mr. Gustin motioned to accept the bid from Wabash Valley Refuse for the 2014 beautification days. Mr. West seconded. Motion carried (7-0).*

- Ms. Ward told the board they had received a request from the town of Macy to bring the debris from the demolition of a house to the beautification day site for them to dispose of. Mr. Francis stated that is not the purpose of the beautification/clean up days. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of the town to dispose of demolished building materials.

## **Building Committee Report**

- The building committee reported that the two options are to either build a new facility, or purchase and remodel an existing facility. The committee believes that building a new facility will best serve the needs of the residents of Miami County.
- The building committee told the board that it is time for the district to move forward with this project. They would like to set a deadline of June 16, 2014 (the date of the June board meeting) to have a full plan in place to act on. Mr. Francis stated that he still doesn't know what we plan to do in a facility. Mr. Morris stated that all of the programs were listed in the business plan Ms. Ward distributed to the board in January. Ms. Ward stated that the programs that we are currently offering would be moved to the central facility, and made available to the residents of the county every day, instead of having to wait for special days.

## **Board Comment**

- Mr. Francis stated he was approached by someone asking to have the court costs and attorney fees relieved for an unpaid bill. He also questioned how

contract buyers are billed. Mr. Francis feels that along with late notices, certified letters need to be sent to all unpaid accounts before turning them over to the lawyer. He said we could then charge the people who pay the extra postage along with the late fee. The state statute says districts can charge a late fee, but nothing else is mentioned in the statute about other costs except lawyer fees and court costs. Mr. West felt this problem is why our fee needs to be added to the tax rolls.

*Mr. Francis motioned that the district absorb the court costs and attorney fees for the unnamed person who had contacted him as a compromise of a dispute. Mr. West seconded. Motion carried (7-0).*

- The board had a discussion about the growing problem of illegal dumping of trash, furniture, televisions, etc. throughout the county. Some members thought that a lot of the illegal dumps were coming from Eagle's Pointe residents. Mr. Hamman questioned the possibility of putting a recycling bin in another location at Eagle's Pointe. It was explained that there had been a recycling container there a few years ago, but was removed due to the high volume of illegal dumping at the site. The property owner asked that it be removed, as the items constantly left at the site were a eyesore. If a container was put back, the same problem would happen again. The recycling sites are for glass, paper, metal, cardboard, and plastic, not things like furniture and trash. The commissioners are currently working on a dumping and littering ordinance for the county. Mr. Dausch questioned who would be cleaning up the illegal dumpsites if we had registered contractors. He also questioned why a change to certified contractors had been made before we had a building in place. The board felt Mr. Dausch's emergency contract, which expires April 30, 2014, be renewed until the end of the year.

*Mr. Hamman motioned to extend R & B Contracting's contract until December 31, 2014 or until the district has a fulltime facility. Mrs. Mull seconded. Motion carried (7-0).*

#### **Next Board Meeting:**

- **BOARD OF DIRECTORS- MONDAY, MAY 19, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. GAR ROOM**

**Adjournment:** *Adjournment was unanimous.*

Carla Weaver, Recording Secretary

Don Morris, Board Chairman